

House Study Bill 750

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY RESOLUTION
1 3 BY CHAIRPERSON SWAIM)
1 4 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to
1 5 authorize a 2008 interim study of clerk of
1 6 court duties and procedures relating to
1 7 applications filed for the involuntary commitment
1 8 and treatment of persons who suffer from serious
1 9 mental impairment.
1 10 WHEREAS, to commence an action for involuntary
1 11 hospitalization, an interested party must file a verified
1 12 application with the clerk of court in the county where the
1 13 person who is the subject of the application resides or is
1 14 presently located, accompanied by one or more supporting
1 15 affidavits corroborating the application and including a
1 16 written statement from a licensed physician in support of the
1 17 application; and
1 18 WHEREAS, in each of Iowa's ninety-nine counties, a clerk of
1 19 court office manages and maintains all trial court records
1 20 filed in the county; and
1 21 WHEREAS, a clerk of court office has hundreds of
1 22 administrative duties including but not limited to receiving,
1 23 processing, and managing court files relating to applications
1 24 filed for the involuntary commitment and treatment of persons
1 25 who suffer from serious mental impairment; and
1 26 WHEREAS, identification of appropriate best practices and
1 27 cost-effective management strategies relating to the efficient
1 28 management of such court files is necessary; NOW THEREFORE,
1 29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the
1 30 legislative council is requested to authorize a 2008 interim
1 31 study of clerk of court duties and procedures relating to
1 32 applications filed for the involuntary commitment or treatment
1 33 of persons who suffer from serious mental impairment.
1 34 LSB 6438HC 82
1 35 rh/rj/5